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- Between 24 and 26 June 1954, the first two Tuemmler-type vessels were given sea tests and were subsequently delivered to the Sea Police. The ships [redacted] had not been put into operation, and the sea trials and acceptance [redacted] were scheduled between 4 and 6 August 1954. They were severely criticized because the couplings of the seawater pumps were made of aluminum and the Hardy-disks (sic) were prone to break. All Tuemmler vessels carried two air-cooled Soviet 12.5-mm machine guns, one on the fore deck and one on the fantail. 25X1
- Thirty-six Schwalbe-type boats were under construction at VEB Yachtwerft Berlin; twelve were scheduled to be delivered to the Sea Police by the end of 1954. The delivery program of VEB Yachtwerft Berlin provided for the completion by 30 November 1954 of these twelve boats and seventeen steel-hull cutters, which were under construction at Plant B of the yard. It was stated that the pipe of the draining installations as well as the drinking water mains of these ships had to be removed because they were of ungalvanized metal. Scholz, manager, and Guenter Haehnel, chief designer, were held responsible for this blunder and were dismissed. 25X1
- [redacted] the Schlaak Design Office in Wolgast in cooperation with VEB Yachtwerft Berlin worked on the Sperber design. The plan was for a 27 m. torpedo retriever designed by Eng. Haehnel, chief designer of VEB Yachtwerft Berlin. 25X1
- All Habicht-type minesweeper-layers, (MLRS) (Minenleg-Raumschiffe) were to get degaussing equipment.
- The Habicht vessel, which had been made 9 meters longer by VEB Volkswerft Stralsund, was

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still lying in VEB Peenewerft Wolgast. Two hulls of the Habicht-type, built by VEB Peenewerft Wolgast were afloat; the machinery had been installed in one of them.

1. Comment: The official title of the "Schlaak Buero" is Konstruktionsbuero I (KB I).

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